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Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 153 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/65/655.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 37th and 42nd meetings, on 13 May and 30 June 2011. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/65/SR.37 and 42).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 (A/65/703 and Corr.1);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 (A/65/776);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/65/743/Add.15).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.42

4. At its 42nd meeting, on 30 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti"

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(A/C.5/65/L.42), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Kenya.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.42 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1529 (2004) of 29 February 2004, by which the Council declared its readiness to establish a United Nations stabilization force to support continuation of a peaceful and constitutional political process and the maintenance of a secure and stable environment in Haiti,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1542 (2004) of 30 April 2004, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for an initial period of six months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1944 (2010) of 14 October 2010, by which the Security Council decided to extend the mandate of the Mission until 15 October 2011 and to maintain the current overall force levels, which consist of a military component of up to 8,940 troops of all ranks and of a police component of up to 4,391 police,

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Recalling its resolution 58/311 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 65/256 of 24 December 2010,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010 and 65/289 of 30 June 2011, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti as at 30 April 2011, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 129.8 million United States dollars, representing some

[1] A/65/703 and Corr.1 and A/65/776.

[2] A/65/743/Add.15.

4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only forty-six Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Affirms* that qualified candidates who are of Haitian origin and are holders of other nationalities are eligible to apply for international posts in the Mission, in compliance with the relevant United Nations legislative mandates and guidelines on recruitment and selection;

11. *Expresses deep concern* over the continuing high vacancy rate in the Mission, especially in the National temporary positions, and its negative impact on the work of the Mission;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep under review the Mission requirements for the "tiger team";

13. *Regrets* that the share of procurement activities awarded to local vendors has substantially decreased during the current financial year, and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that the Mission increase procurement opportunities for local vendors;

14. *Recalls* paragraph 41 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the efficient, expeditious and full implementation of the total amount allocated to quick-impact projects for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012

in order, inter alia, to contribute to the recovery effort and foster better relations with the local communities;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in submitting his next budget proposal for the Mission, to fully review current needs assessments on the ground regarding quick-impact projects, taking into account the related guidelines of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat on quick-impact projects;

16. *Recalls* paragraph 7, section III, of its resolution 64/269;

17. *Reaffirms* the important role of the expanded community violence reduction approach in the post-earthquake context, in particular in assisting the displaced people and those living in violence-affected neighbourhoods;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen coordination among the Mission, the United Nations country team and other United Nations entities, including in addressing the root causes of unexpected emergencies, such as the situation resulting from the cholera outbreak;

19. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to put into effect measures to mitigate the environmental impact of the Mission on Haiti;

20. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269 and 65/289;

21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

22. *Notes* that the overall level of appropriation has been adjusted in accordance with the terms of its resolution 65/289;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

23. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010;[3]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012

24. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti the amount of 844,258,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, inclusive of 793,517,100 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 42,997,600 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 7,744,000 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the appropriation

25. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 246,242,100 dollars for the period from 1 July to 15 October 2011, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2011, as set out in Assembly resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009;

[3] A/65/703 and Corr.1.

26. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be offset against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 25 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 6,569,900 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 5,270,400 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,062,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 237,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

27. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 598,016,600 dollars for the period from 16 October 2011 to 30 June 2012 at a monthly rate of 70,354,892 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 64/249, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2011 and 2012, as set out in its resolution 64/248, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

28. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be offset against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 27 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 15,955,400 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 12,799,600 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 2,579,500 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 576,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

29. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be offset against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 25 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 26,755,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2010, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 64/249, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2010, as set out in its resolution 64/248;

30. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be offset against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 26,755,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2010, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 29 above;

31. *Also decides* that the increase in the estimated staff assessment income of 85,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2010 shall be added to the credits from the amount of 26,755,500 dollars referred to in paragraphs 29 and 30 above;

32. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

33. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

34. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as

appropriate, in accordance with the procedures and practices established by the General Assembly;

35. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti".